



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending October 13, 2019

LONG AWAITED RAIN APPEARS

Most producers across the state experienced much needed precipitation. Amounts ranged greatly, leaving some areas needing more. Corn and soybean harvest continue but were slowed due to the rain. Favorable yields persist for both corn and beans. Replenished soils have aided in the start of planting and germination of fall seedings. Pasture conditions are improving after the rains this week, but some producers have the need to feed hay to livestock. Some cattle face illness due to prolonged dusty and dry conditions. A decrease in temperatures brought the first frost of the season to portions of the state. There were 4.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 24 percent very short, 28 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 25 percent very short, 38 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Harvested	92	88	87	89	Corn	1	2	14	55	28
Cotton – Bolls Opening	93	90	98	94	Cotton	4	7	25	47	17
Cotton – Harvested	35	22	48	30	Soybeans	2	8	32	46	12
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	92	85	89	89	Pasture	21	41	26	10	2
Soybeans – Harvested	50	39	44	39						
Winter Wheat – Planted	23	16	26	26						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	7	3	13	7						

County Agent Comments

Much needed rain for pastures and fall wheat.

Steve Rickman, Chester County

The farmers in Fayette County were busy harvesting all crops. Rain slowed a few at the beginning and ends of the week. Moisture was needed, we are dry!!! Wheat planting will start soon.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Rain on Sunday and again on Friday slowed harvest down a few days. However the rain was needed for producers to start seeding wheat, which began this week. Soybean and corn yields are still above average.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

3-4 inches of rain last Sunday has given new life to our pastures and has allowed germination to begin on wheat and cool season grass seeds that have been in the ground for over month.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

We had some rain the first of the week but not near enough but cooler temps has helped. Dust has been a problem with cattle sickness. We have lost a lot of fall grazing and hay due to the dry weather.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Around 2 inches of rain fell this week and halted harvest early in the week. Most producers back in the field after Wednesday. Moisture has helped small grains and pastures.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Corn harvest about done. Low temperatures led to first frost of the season over the weekend.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Received some much appreciated rain this week across the county. Ranged from 1.5 - 2.25 inches. Row crop harvest continuing with good yield reports of both corn and soybeans. Producers with late soybeans have expressed concern about yields. Pastures have greened up some but will require more rain to recover. Some producers will need to continue to feed hay. The rain did not eliminate producer concerns about adequate livestock water

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Just shy of an inch of rain blessed our near failing pastures earlier in this week contesting the D3 Drought we've become all too familiar with. While livestock producers danced with joy, row croppers had to idle down their harvest pace as dew returned to the fields requiring longer dry times and later starts to the days. With more moisture in the forecast for the coming week, there's much work to be done harvesting, planting, liming, and the like. The works cut out for us down here in Marion County.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

0.3 inch of rain this week. More is needed. Lots of beans being harvested. 65-70 bu. average so far on beans. Corn harvest nearly complete (Probably average 150+). Beans and corn moisture is very dry 10% or so. Most cattle folks are bush-hogging now.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Very dry conditions.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Still no rain since early August, 9 weeks ago. Hay feeding for livestock is ongoing. Last hay cutting about 25 % of normal yield. Pastures are all about gone.

John Wilson, Blount County

Continues to be extremely dry. No rain last week, very little in forecast.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County